

DRESDEN SELECTMEN MINUTES

JULY 27, 2015

6:00 PM

POWNBOROUGH HALL

PRESENT: Dale Hinote, Gerald Lilly Sr, Allan Moeller Sr.; Gorham Lilly, David Everson, Fire Dept.; Rick Graffam, Bridge Academy; Mary Haven, Melanie Gaczi, Judy Lewis, Swap Shop; Peter Walsh, David Probert, Nancy & Andrew Call & their daughter, Residents; Jan Burns & assistant, Freedom Center; Art Mayers, Reporter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ITEM 1. APPROVE & SIGN MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - Dale asked who was going to be in charge of getting the dogs all licensed. Trudy said she thinks Pat is taking this on, as she was doing research on it today. Dale motioned to approve, Allan 2nd, and both approved. Gerry abstained as he was not at the last meeting.

ITEM 2. APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANT - Dale motioned to approve, Gerry 2nd, all Approved.

ITEM 3. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / CITIZENS BUSINESS - The next Selectmen Meeting will be on Monday, August 10th, at 6pm at Pownalborough Hall.

The Day of Caring that the Hall-Dale School will put on for the third year, will be held, Oct. 2nd from 9am – 1pm. The rain date will be Oct. 9th. Trudy has sent a flyer out.

Citizens Business - Peter Walsh has estimates and pictures for the pickle ball court. The estimates are for the court in two different sizes. The small court estimates are from Bidder 1, \$14,766 and Bidder 2 is \$16,266. For the full court, with the lower bid being \$19,402 and the high bid being \$29,116.

Peter said the small court can be used for Pickle Ball, Volley Ball, badminton, etc. He is recommending the small court. It was mentioned that the large court is less than \$5,000 more. Peter said the small court will be 1800 to 2000 sf. Someone made up a draft for Peter of a sign they may use, calling this area the Dresden Community Sports Park. Allan asked if Peter had checked with McKenney Tree Service in Richmond, he is very reasonable. Peter said he did not, but he will.

Rick said that Bridge Academy Trustee meets Thursday and will make a decision on this court being improved. Rick said that they encourage people to use this, as it gets them away from the computers.

Dale made a motion to approve the small court at the lower price, Gerry seconded and all approved.

ITEM 4. SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - Dale explained that the Town of Richmond did not contract with us after previously agreeing to so we are now looking at contracting with Lincoln County Sheriff's Office at a cost of under \$3,500. Sheriff Brackett based this on 3 hours per call. This will cover the ACO and backup. Dale made a motion to have a Special Town Meeting for

this purpose on Thursday, July 30, 2015. Allan seconded and all approved. This was posted last week.

ITEM 5. ACO CONTRACT - Dale already explained above.

ITEM 6. BUSINESS PERMIT - FREEDOM CENTER - Jan Burns asked what issues the Selectmen might have. Dale said that they are concerned about the effect that these people will have on our Town. Jan said these people are getting help with getting their life back on track after drug use, alcohol abuse, the loss of a loved one, etc. Dale said they are worried about the cost to the Town as some have already called the office looking for assistance. She said that only one called and she talked to him and talked him out of it. Trudy said her concern is that we could have to pay for most of the people that leave there, as once they are physically in town we would be responsible, unless they keep their residence as their previous address. She asked if they actually change their address to the Freedom Center. Jan said they do get their mail there. Because of that Trudy said that if they ask for assistance then if they are eligible we would have to pay for them a new place when they are ready to leave the Center. Jan insisted that they would do everything in their power to make sure that does not happen. She can't stop them but would do her best to stop it. After much discussion, Dale made a motion to approve, Gerry seconded and all approved.

Trudy will have the CEO sign it and send Jan her permit.

ITEM 7. NEW CULVERT INSTALLMENT POLICY - After reviewing this policy the Selectmen determined that on the second page, Item 4 should have the "through the town" removed as we do not want them to buy it through us. We need to make this correction. Dale moved to adopt this with this change, Gerry seconded and all approved.

ITEM 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Town Roads - Allan said that Watson cut the pavement for the new culvert on Common Rd., today and will install the new one tomorrow, weather permitting. He said that we should have the grader back this week.

Fire Dept. Issues - Water test came back good for the MMA Inspection requirement. Steve is still waiting for INFORME to get back to him so we can do the background checks for the Fire Truck drivers. Trudy said Steve called today to let us know that the emergency lights at the new station do not work. He thinks it may be the batteries. He said we may want to check the emergency lights at the Pownalborough Hall too.

Solid Waste Issues - Swap Shop Issues - Melanie said that they need Poland Spring individual **bottled water** for both the employees and the volunteers. She said they used to have this but no longer do. She would like to have a case available at all times. Trudy said they changed to the canister and we still have two 5 gallon jugs in the lobby at the office, that no one has come after yet. Dave said the canister no longer keeps anything cold. Trudy said they can buy a new canister, they have them at Sam's for about \$100.

They also need **Plastic Boxes** (totes). 50 of them 23" deep x 13" high and 17" wide. The old ones are cracked, have sharp edges and need replacing ASAP. Trudy asked if they were in bad shape why they weren't buying 5 or so at a time to get them replaced instead of waiting until they need 50. The Swap Shop has two broken **fluorescent lamps** which need to be replaced or LED lights need to be installed ASAP. Trudy said sometime when the guys are not busy, send them to

K&G Hardware to buy a couple. She said it is not the bulbs, it is the whole fixture. Allan asked if it might be the ballast. Did not sound like anyone every checked. Trudy asked why they have not been taking care of this stuff as it comes up. They should have been fixing as it went. She said that Mary used to always do that. Mary said that she never did that, Trudy said yes, she used to bring in receipts to reimburse her for supplies. Mary said that Phil told her she couldn't do that anymore.

The **attic area** needs work done by an electrician to get lights working properly. Melanie said the **Selectmen used to check the center**, transfer station and swap shop on a weekly basis for any problems or concerns. Can this practice be re-instated. Allan said he goes there every other Sunday to do his recycling. They need a substitute for Recycling and Transfer positions. RC needs two people at all times as danger increases when not monitored. The Selectmen said they are working on that and if they have anyone interested please send them our way.

Melanie said **tokens need** to be accessible at all times. Melanie asked if they could sell them at the Texaco. Trudy said they already do. They have them at the Meetinghouse and the office. She asked if they could sell them at the Transfer Station. Allan said no, our insurance company said absolutely no cash should be kept there with the employee alone down there.

Melanie said they need new laminated **signs** both at the fence and inside. Trudy told her to make up a list and she will make them. They need magnetic signs for the bins. The Selectmen said that magnetic signs won't work, as the driver will not always remember to remove the sign and put on the new bin, and we'll be throwing away our money.

Her last request is that the **swap shop get an overhaul**. Ceilings and walls need to be painted white – poles, cabinets, shelves need to be painted brown. Gerry said we have inmates available to work, so we can use them for this work. The girls said they can close the shop for a week and move everything out and clean it up and have it painted.

Magnetic signs - see above

Bottles & Cans - Paul James called Trudy today and said that he checked the redemption center in town and it wasn't open. She was there but did not answer the door. So he took the bottles to Wiscasset, out near the Raceway and dropped them off there. The woman said she would have a check ready for him, when he came back.

Town Website - Need to determine what we want put on the site and approve this prior to placing info on the site. - Dave Probert has made a list of things to put on and will get it to us. The Selectmen will pre-approve the list of items then it will be up to Lauren to update.

Office Arrangement – have estimates from W.B. Mason - \$5,100. After some discussion it was determined that they will get some other estimates for this or possibly buy stuff to put up something themselves.

Skating Shed - The board decided at the last meeting that they would get together and purchase and pick up the supplies from Lowe's or Home Depot. They have not done this yet, but will soon.

Audit - Dale said he received an email from Kim Rzasa, concerning changing auditors this year, with all the issues that have happened in the last year. She had explained some of the reasons and Trudy said that she feels the same way. Too many changes were made with the Treasurer paperwork and some if it was not done correctly the balances did not match the bank

balances and Quickbooks balances. Kim has gone through most of this now and gotten it somewhat straightened out but there will be problems and we don't feel it is a good time to have someone new step into do our audit as usually the first year is hard on all involved.

Dale made a motion to stay with our current auditor for this year, Gerry seconded and all approved.

Any other General Business

MDOT- Local Road Assistance Program – We will get \$37,132 by Dec. 1st for this for the current year. Trudy has the form filled out and the Selectmen signed and it will be sent in.

Selectmen emails - Dale said his email is dale@townofdresden.com.

Dale also said that he has asked Trudy about sending her all of his emails so they are public record. Allan said the he didn't think that she needed to have them sent to her, and Trudy said that she would have twice as many emails every day that way. They are public record anyway as he is a Selectman. Dale agreed that he would not do that.

Dodge Rd. property - sellers contract renewal - Julie sent a new contract for the Dodge Rd. property as it is running out. The Selectmen reviewed it and it is for \$9,900. They didn't think that was the amount we were asking. Trudy didn't either, she thought it was \$14,900 or something like that. They said they will table this until the next meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:04PM

APPROVED BY

Dale Hinote

Gerald Lilly Sr.

Allan Moeller Sr.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN